

Remarks

The various parts of the Office Action (and other matters, if any) are discussed below under appropriate headings.

Allowable Claims

The indicated allowability of claims 21, 23 and 24 is noted with appreciation. Claims 21 and 23 have been rewritten in independent form. In addition, claims 21, 23 and 24 have been amended to remove the language considered indefinite by the Examiner. Accordingly, claims 21, 23 and 24 presumably are now in condition for allowance.

Specification

Regarding the Examiner's comment that the original title was not descriptive, the title has been amended to read "CORNER PROTECTORS FOR PICTURE FRAMES".

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The claims have been amended to remove the language considered indefinite by the Examiner. Accordingly, the rejection under 35 USC § 112 is moot.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102


The previously advanced rejection is now moot in view of amendments made to claim 19. In particular, claim 19 has been amended to recite a corner protector having opposite front and rear faces configured so as to embrace between them, in use, a corner edge region comprising the opposed front and rear external surfaces of a picture frame, with at least one of said opposite faces being triangular in plan view as well as resilient and bowed towards the other face. None of the corner protectors disclosed in the references referred to by the Examiner meet all of the limitations of claim 19, in particular a corner protector including opposite front and rear faces that are configured to embrace a corner region of a picture frame and wherein at least one of the triangular in plan view, and also resilient and bowed toward the other face. Accordingly, the rejection of claim 19 should be withdrawn, as should the rejection of the claims which depend from claim 19 for at least the same reasons.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, request is made for timely issuance of a notice of allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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